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I COULD
ASK THE SAME
QUESTION

AND WHAT
EXACTLY ARE YOU
SUPPOSED TO BE?!



SWAT-BOTS
ARREST THIS BOOB
AT ONCE!

WHA--?! THEY'RE
NOT RESPONDING TO
MY COMMANDS!

NO,
THEY'RE NOT,
ARE THEY?
~Chuckle~

MEANWHILE IN
KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE...

OKAY, FREEDOM
FIGHTERS-- COME OUT,
COME OUT WHEREVER
YOU ARE!



THE L'IL FELLA'S
GONNA HAVE TO TRY A
HECK OF A LOT HARDER'N
THAT, EH, ANTOINE?

BUT OF
COURSE, BUNNIE,
MA CHÈRE...



POOR TAILS...
HE CAN'T SEE ME IN
THE TREES ABOVE...
...OR ROTOR
IN THE RIVER
BELOW!

AH-HA!
YOU CAN'T HIDE
SONIC!

RUSTLE



WAITAMINNI,
BUD! I'M OVER HERE.

HUH?



THEN WHO'S
IN THE BUSHES?



SONIC! TAILS!
YOU'RE A SIGHT
FOR SORE EYES!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE MY OWN
EYES! IT'S THE
ORIGINAL DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK!

HE
USED TO
BE OUR WORST
ENEMY!

"BUT HE HASN'T
BEEN SEEN IN
AGES!"

* SINCE ISH. # 50!

AND HE HAD A
PRETTY GOOD EXCUSE--
HE WAS MAJORLY WIPED
OUT OF EXISTENCE!

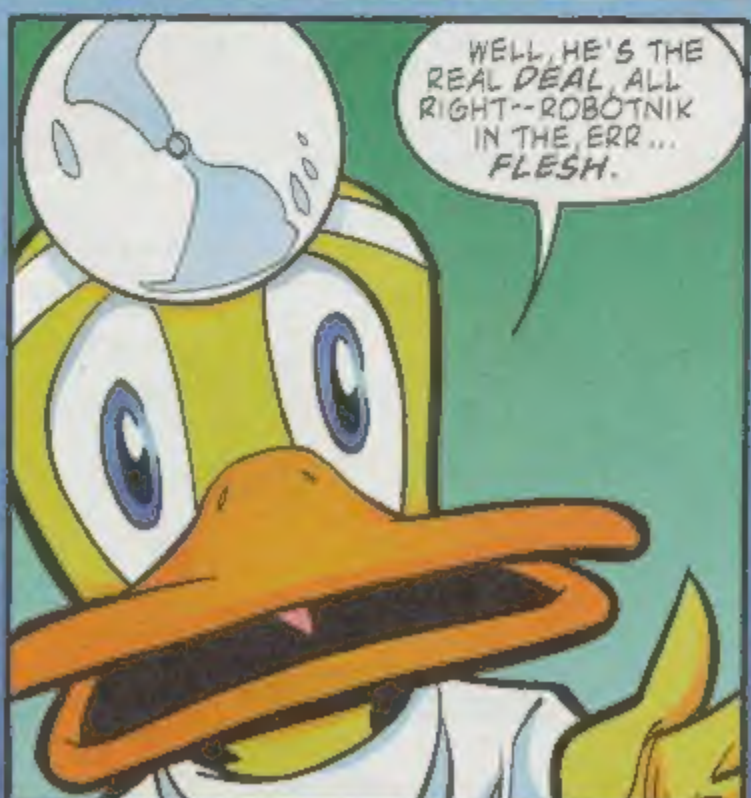
THIS ISN'T
MY DOING! ANOTHER
VERSION OF MYSELF
BROUGHT ME BACK IN
ORDER TO STEAL MY
OH-SO PRECIOUS
MEMORIES!

HOW'D A CREEP
LIKE YOU MANAGE TO
GET A ROUND-TRIP TICKET
TO THE AFTERLIFE?

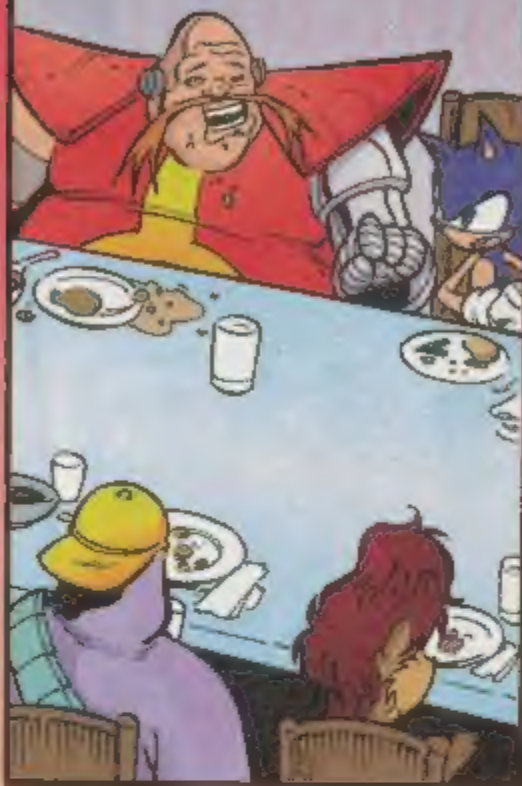
HE'S TEN TIMES
NASTIER THAN I EVER
WAS! I BARELY MANAGED
TO ESCAPE HIS "GASP"
SHADOW-BOTS!

WHY SHOULD
WE CARE? YOU BADNIKS
ARE BOTH FROM THE
SAME MOLD.

GET IT?
"MOLD?"



DAY 1.



DAY 3.



DAY 5.



DAY 7.



RAAAARRRGHHH!!



I MISS
ROBOTROPOLIS
VERY MUCH, YOUR
HIGHNESS, AND
NOW I'M READY TO
FACE MYSELF!

WELL,
IT'S ABOUT
TIME!



SOON...

PRINCESS
SALLY, PERHAPS WE
COULD PUT THE PAST
BEHIND US...

...AND BECOME
ALLIES ONCE I'VE
RECLAIMED MY CITY
FROM THAT MADMAN.

WHATEVER.

GO FISH!

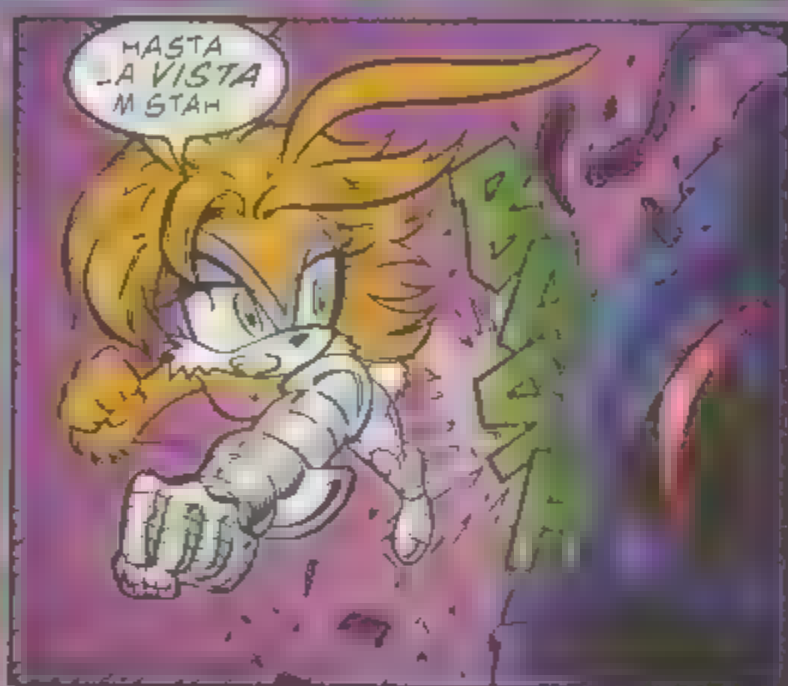
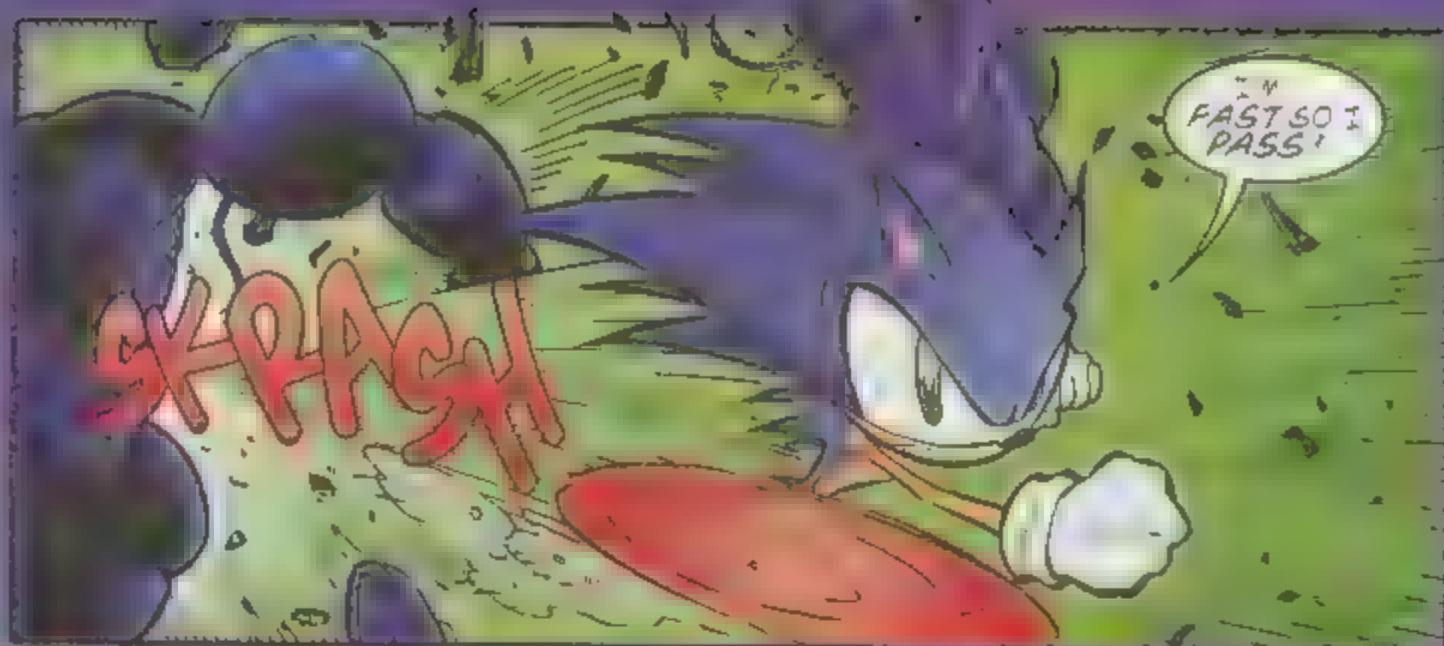
IF I CAN
GAIN ACCESS TO MY
COMPUTER'S HARD
DRIVE...

...I'LL BE
ABLE TO REGAIN
CONTROL!

SONIC, TAILS,
ANTOINE AND BUNNIE WILL
HANDLE THE WELCOME
PARTY...

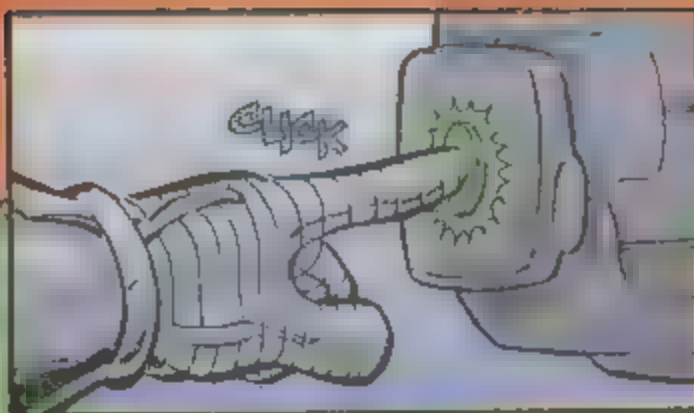
...WHILE ROTOR,
NICOLE, AND I
WILL GIVE YOU
TECH
SUPPORT!

LET'S
DO IT TO
IT!



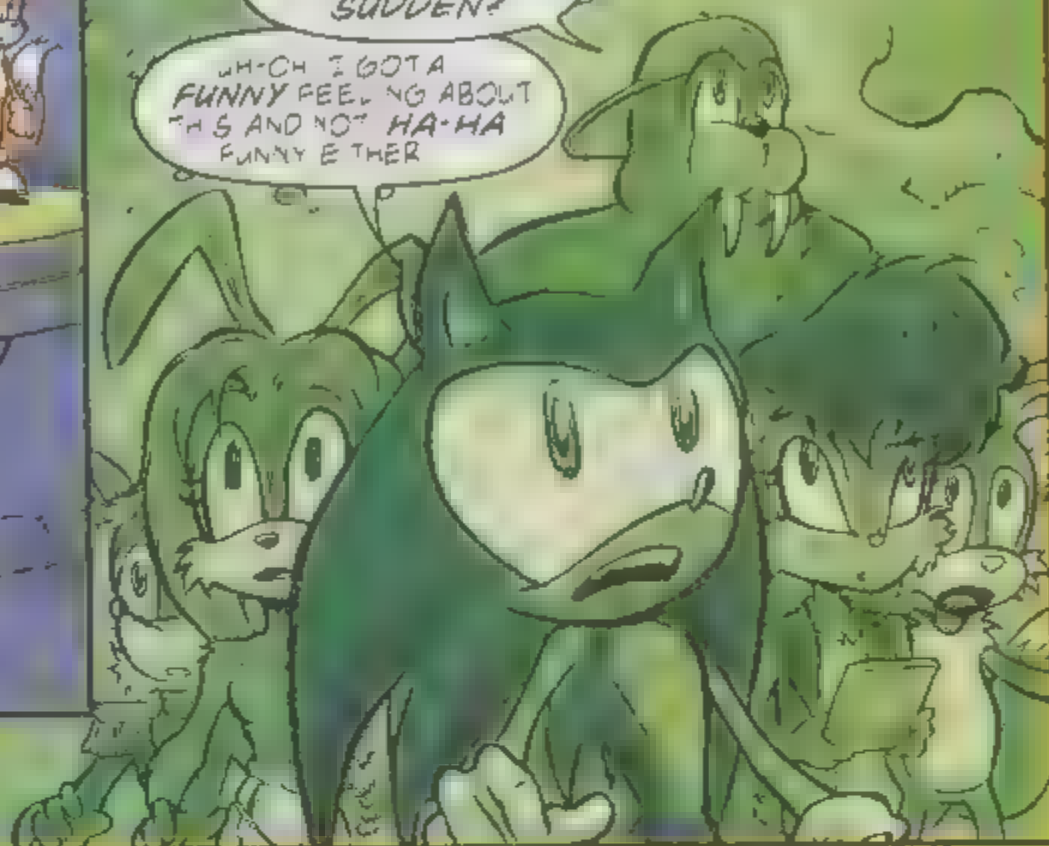
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE
READINGS WITHIN COLE
WHILE I ACCESS THE
MAINFRAME?

SOUNDS
REASONABLE



WHAT'S WITH THE
LIGHTS ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

WHICH I GOT A
FUNNY FEELING ABOUT
THIS AND NOT HA-HA
FUNNY EITHER



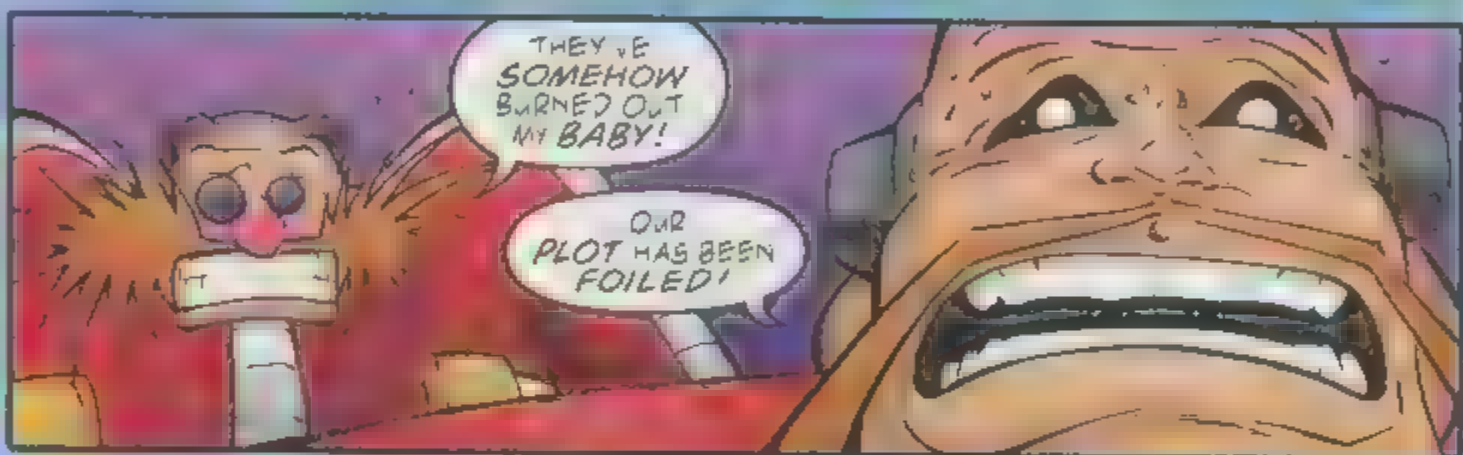
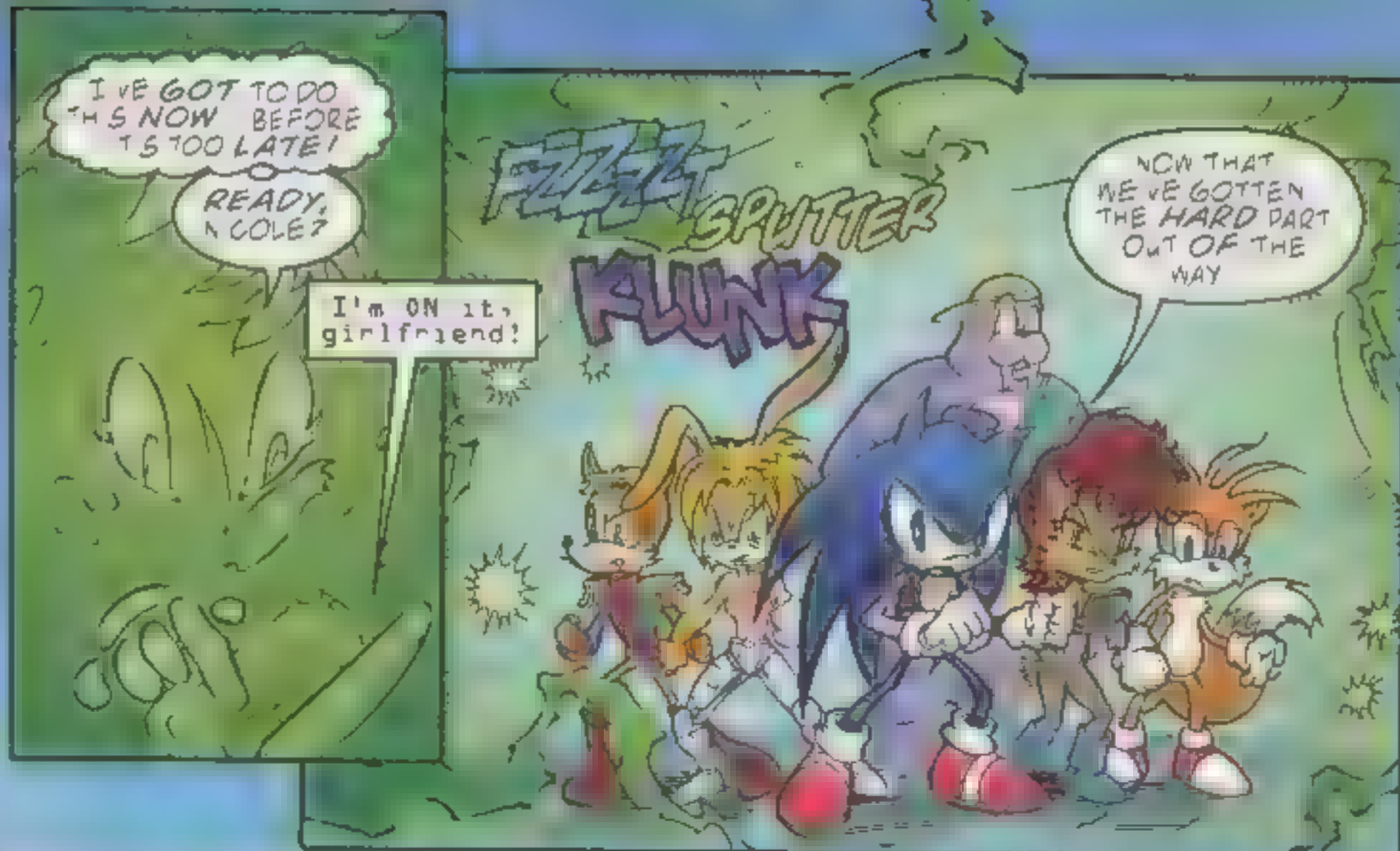
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HAPPENING
TO US?

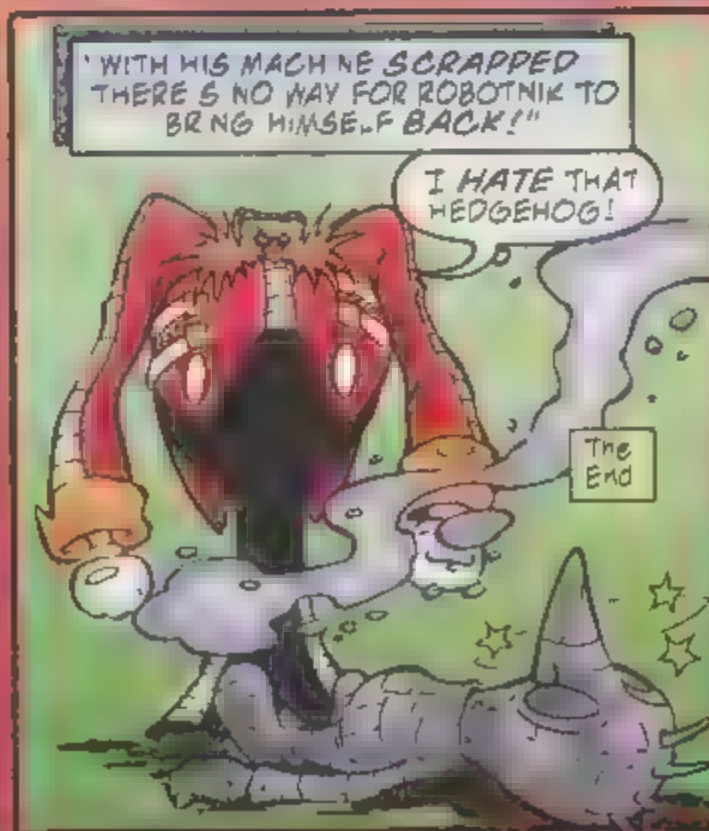
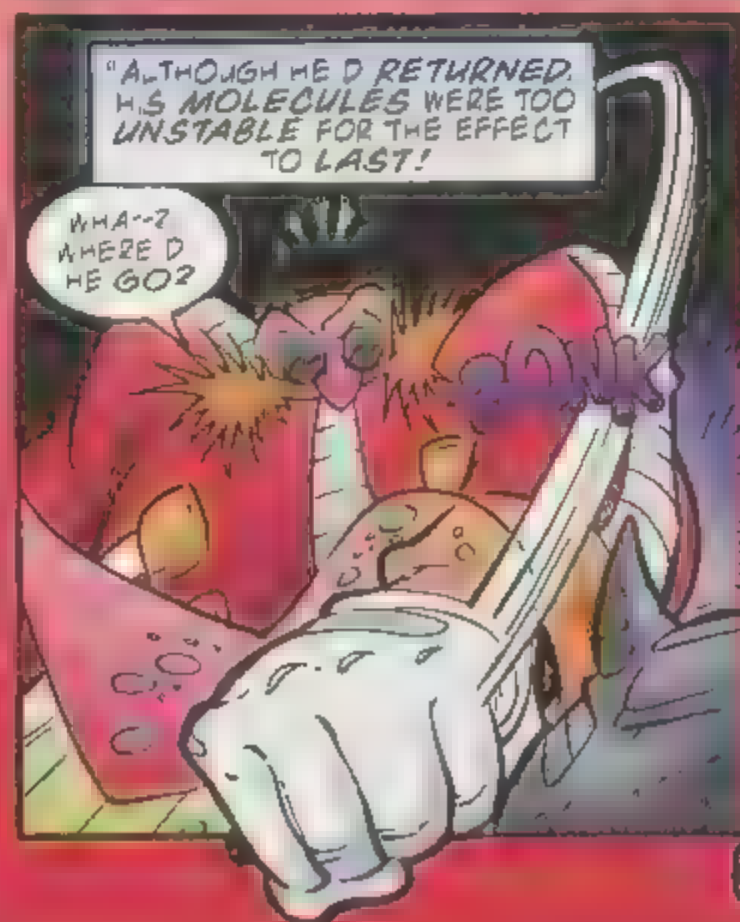
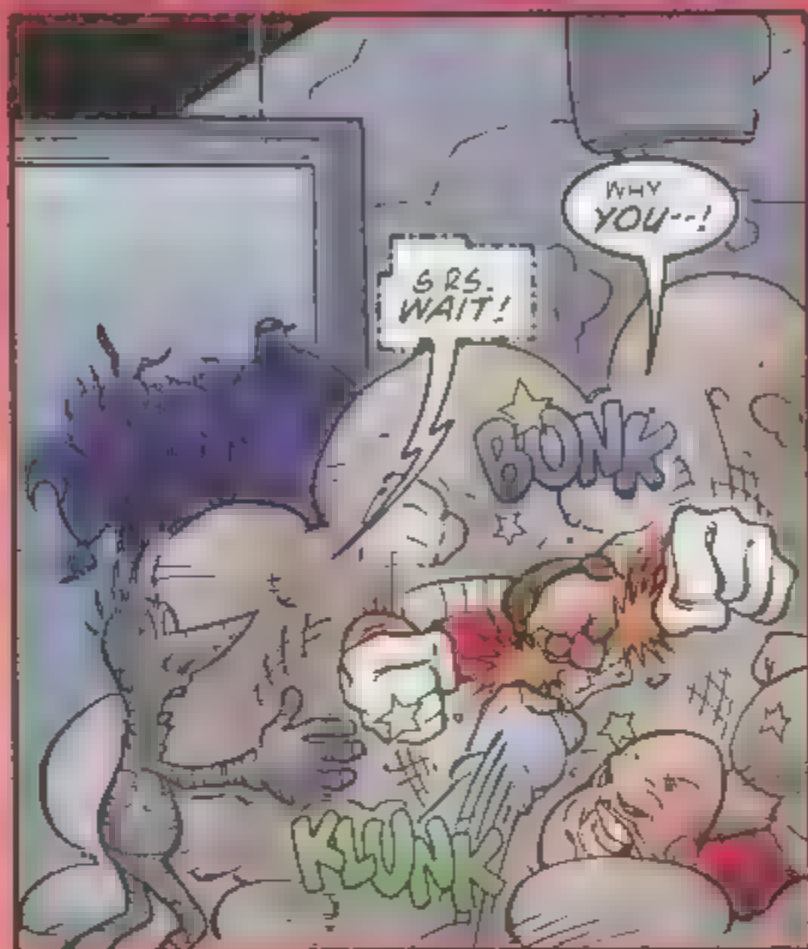


YOUR MOLECULES ARE
DISASSEMBLING THANKS
TO MY MATTER-
FLUCTUATOR!

AN NGEN OUS
INVENTION FI
DO SAY SO MYSELF
- GIGGLE -







CASTLE
ACORN

MOM, DAD I
RECEIVED TH S
LETTER FROM AN
OVERLANDER REFUGEE
DOCTOR ROBOTN.K S
NIECE..

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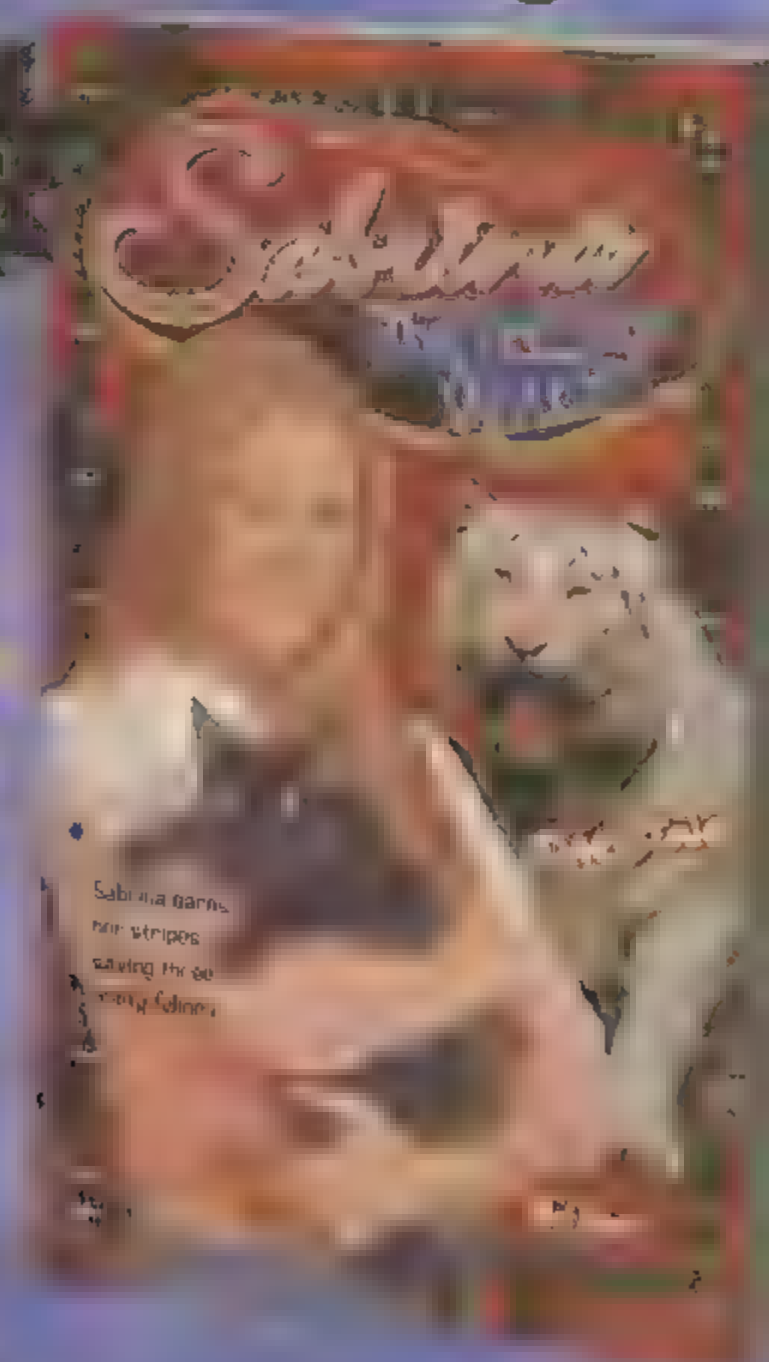
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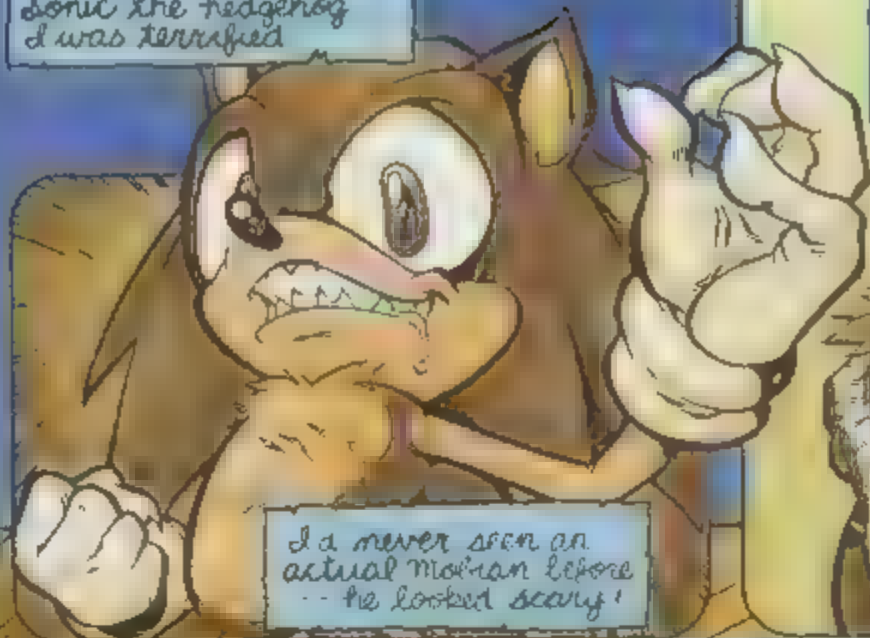


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I was terrified



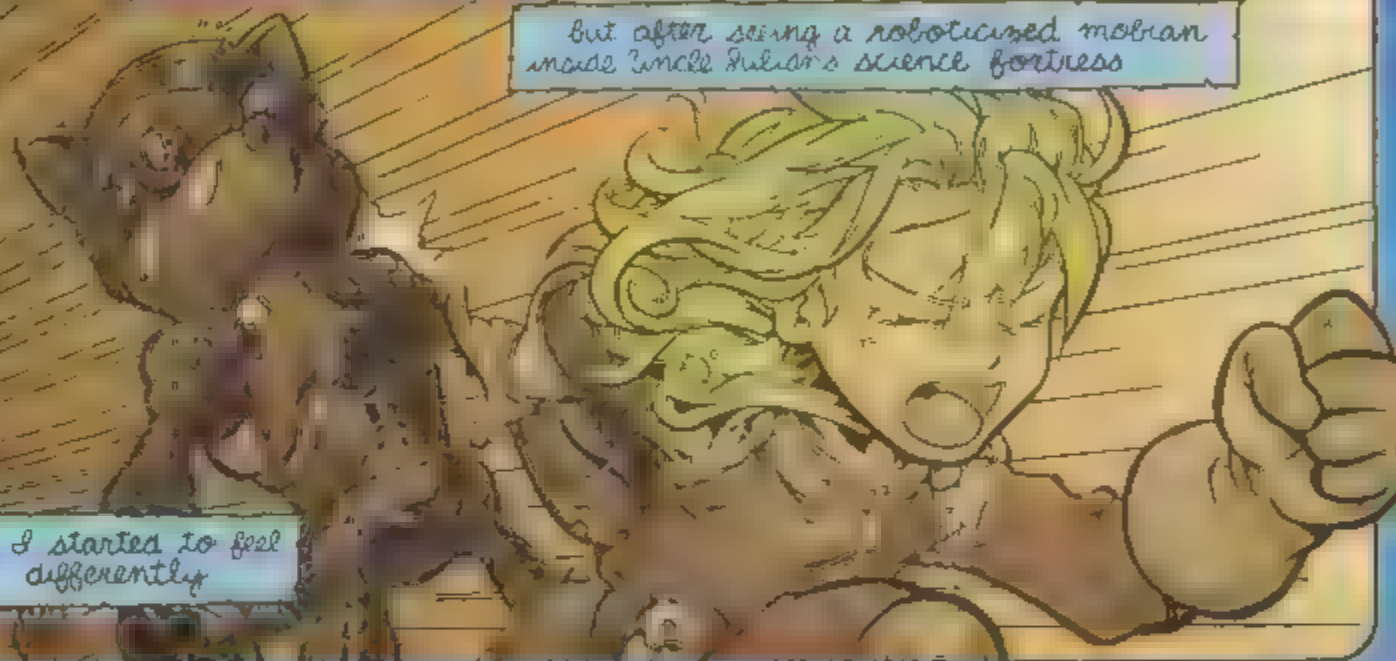
I'd never seen an
actual Mobian before
... he looked scary!

And when my step-uncle Julian
the ruler of Robotropolis --
told me Sonic was evil I
believed it so did my stepdad
and my grandma



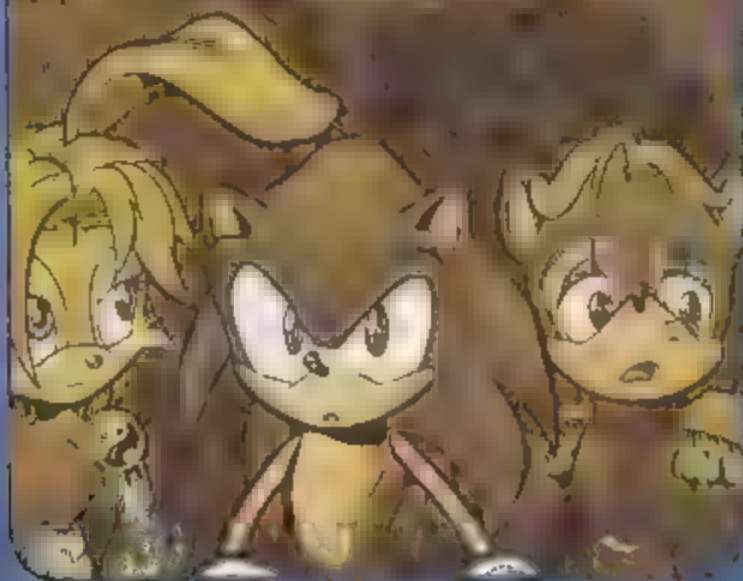
but after seeing a robotized Mobian
inside Uncle Julian's science fortress

I started to feel
differently

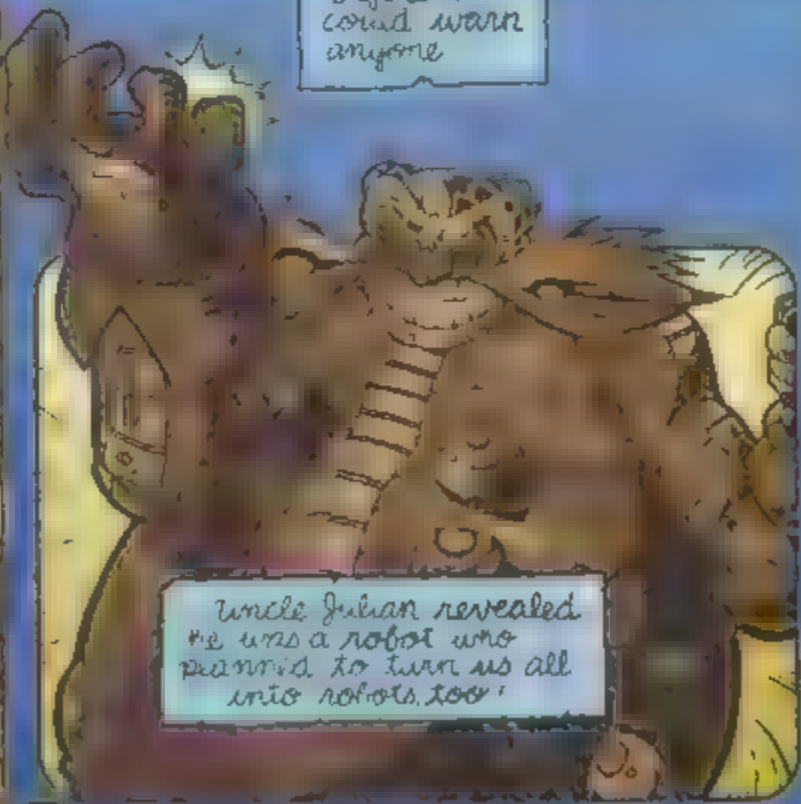


when Sonic showed up one day
and robotized Mobians were
racing through the streets

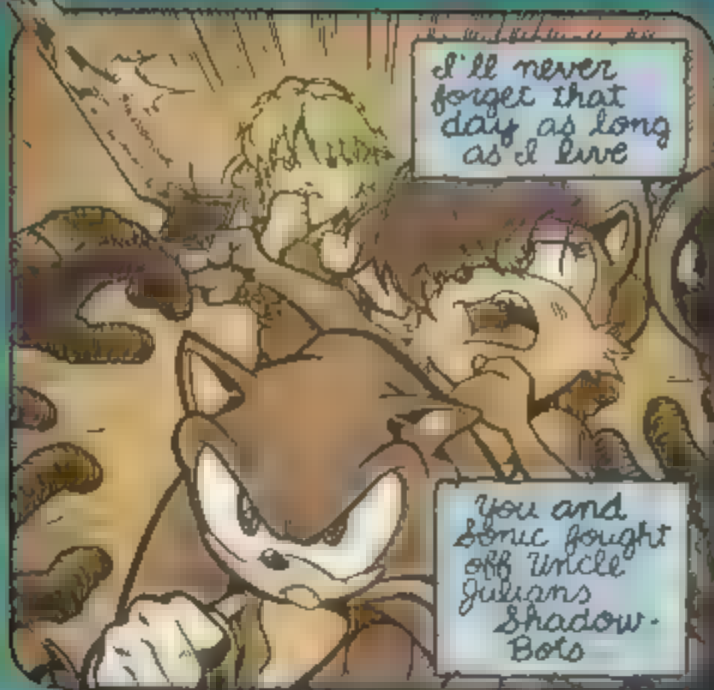
Uncle Julian said it was
an attack, but I believed
Sonic had led them to
freedom



Before I
could warn
anyone



Uncle Julian revealed
he was a robot who
planned to turn us all
into robots, too!

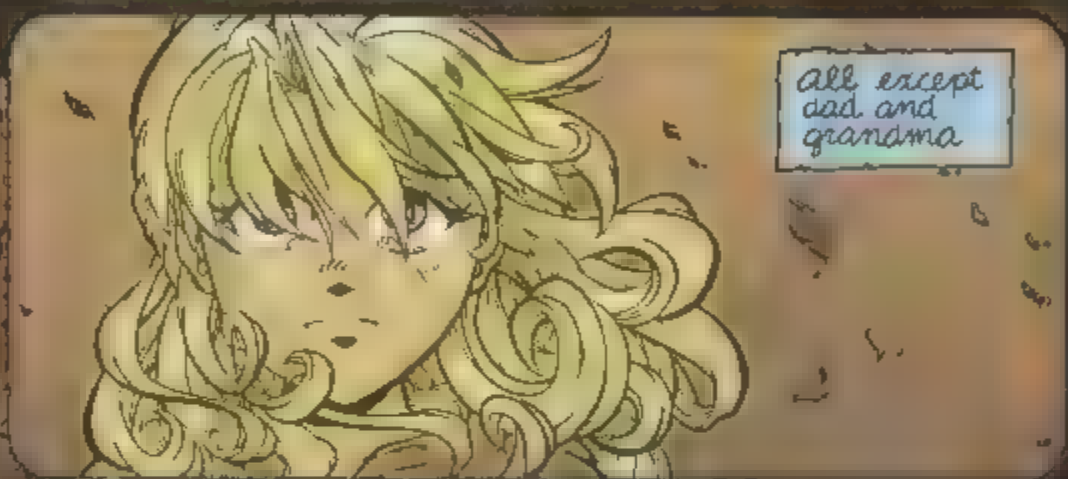


I'll never forget that day as long as I live

you and Sonic fought off Uncle Julius's Shadow-Bots



and saved me and the other overlanders from a fate worse than death



all except dad and granama

I spent most of my life inside a spaceship and the last six months in Robotropolis

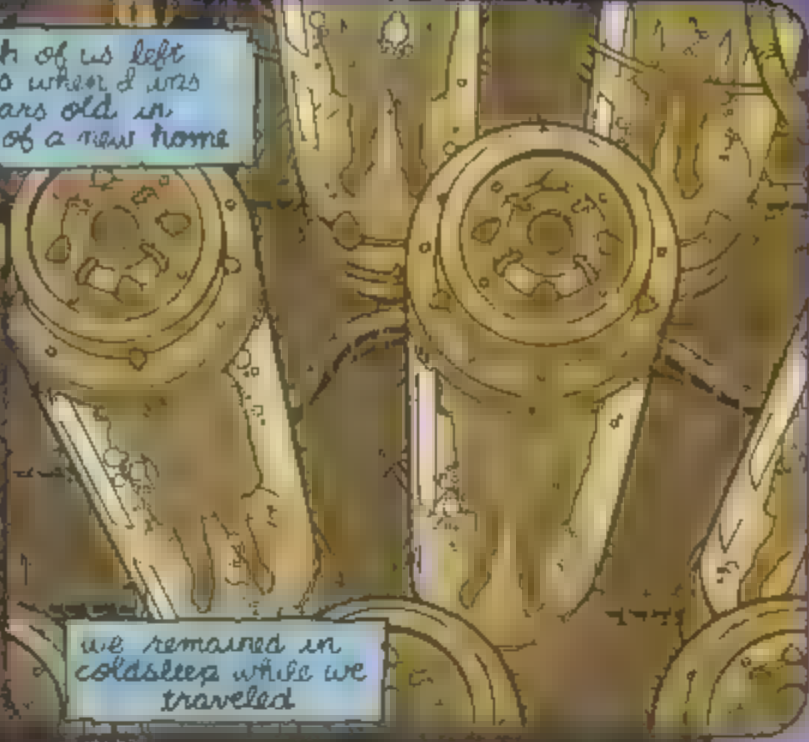
Knothole is the most beautiful place I've ever seen



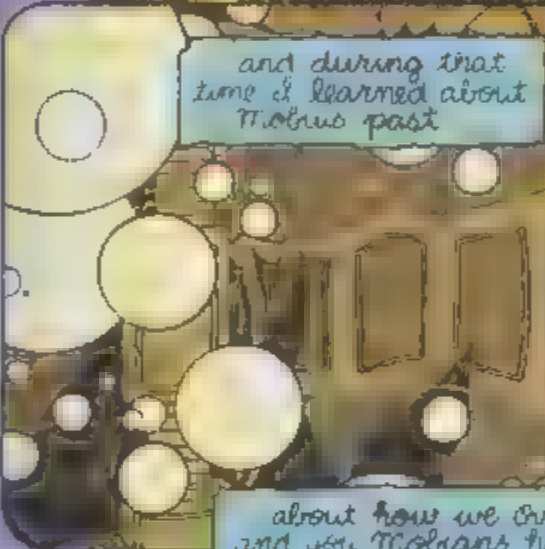
and even though I'm related to Robotnik, here I've only been treated with kindness



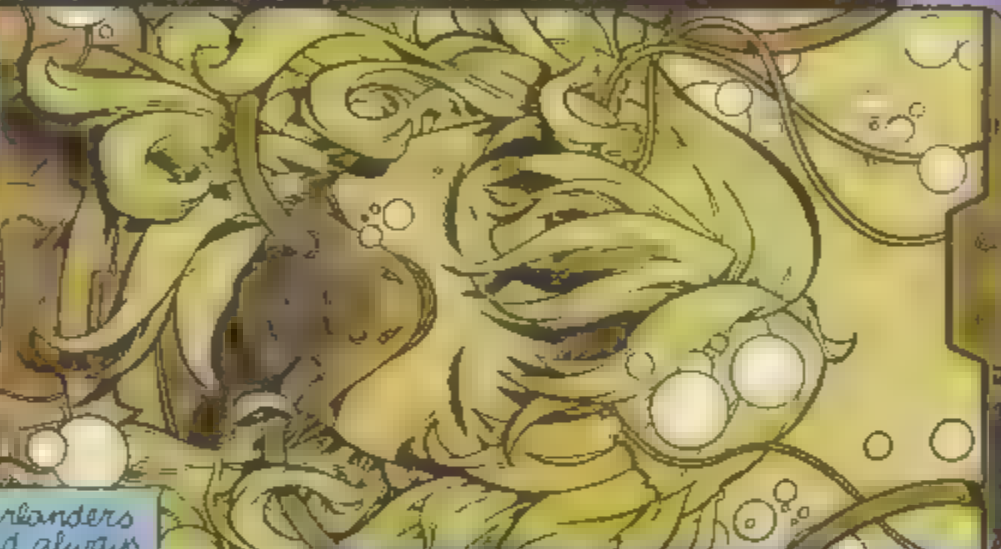
a bunch of us left
Molrus when I was
two years old in
search of a new home



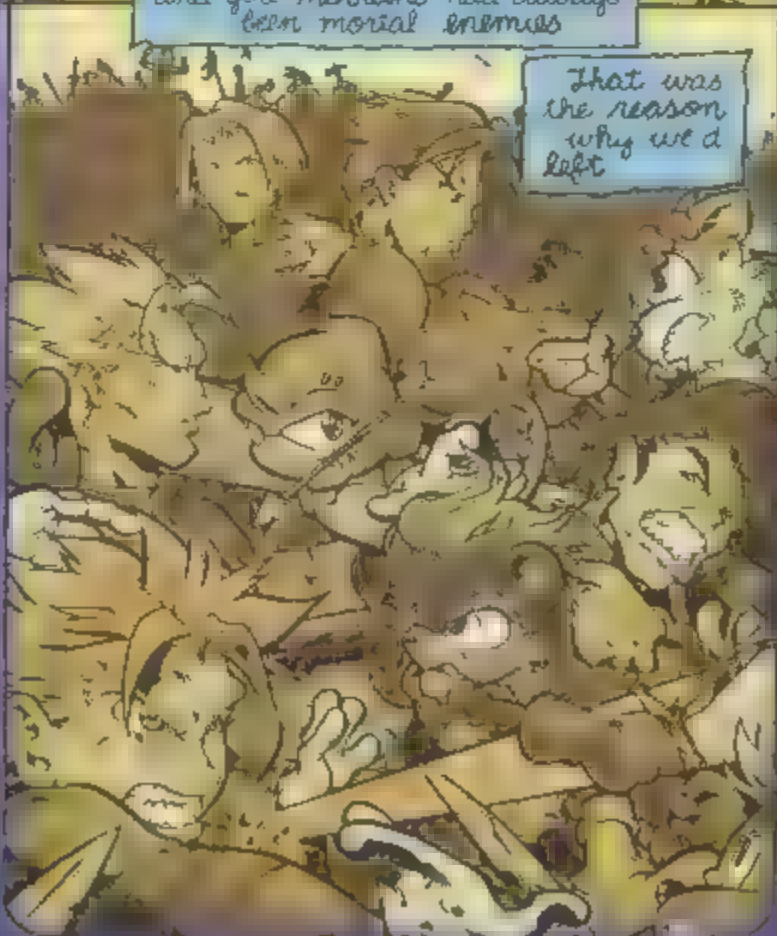
we remained in
coldsleep while we
traveled



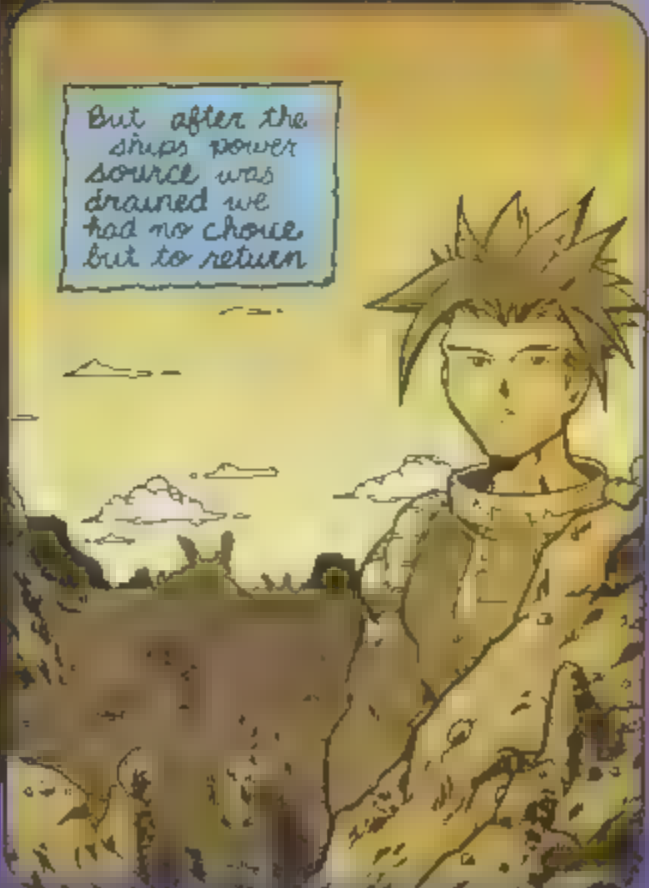
and during that
time I learned about
Molrus past



about how we Overlanders
and you Molrans had always
been mortal enemies



That was
the reason
why we I
left



But after the
ship's power
source was
drained we
had no choice
but to return

I want to thank you. Sonic and the other freedom fighters for traveling far away to find a new home for my people

and for also showing me that Overlanders and Mobians aren't so different after all

I've seen your love and devotion toward each other

witnessed teamwork and the sense of pride and accomplishment it gives you

And though I know it's not always sunshine and roses around here

I somehow wish I could stay hope hunter

A UNIQUE WISH

FROM A MOST UNIQUE ORPHAN LET US GRANT IT

WELCOME HOPE

YAAAAAY!

THANK YOU PRINCESS THANK YOU

The End

HAVING RESTORED THE INHABITANTS OF THE FLOATING ISLAND FROM THEIR IMPRISONMENT IN ANOTHER ZONE,

KNUCKLES

NOW FINDS HIS ALIGNMENT WITH DIMITRI AND HIS DARK LEGION BEING QUESTIONED BY THOSE CLOSEST TO HIM...

HOW COULD YOU, KNUCKLES?!

SUPPORTING THE DARK LEGION?!!

LIKE YOU WOULD CARE ON THAT SCORE, MOM!

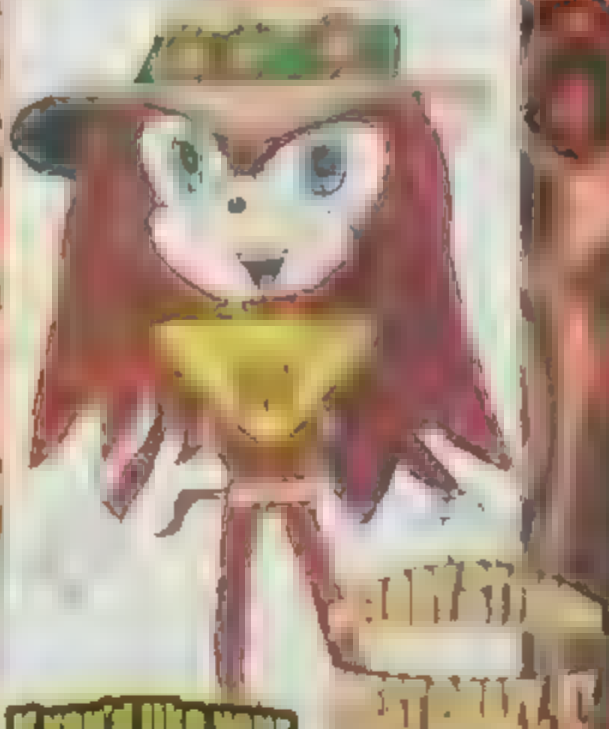
CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT YOUR FATHER WILL SAY WHEN HE HEARS OF THIS?!

I'M STILL YOUR MOTHER, KNUCKLES, AND I WILL NOT BE SPOKEN TO IN THAT MANNER!

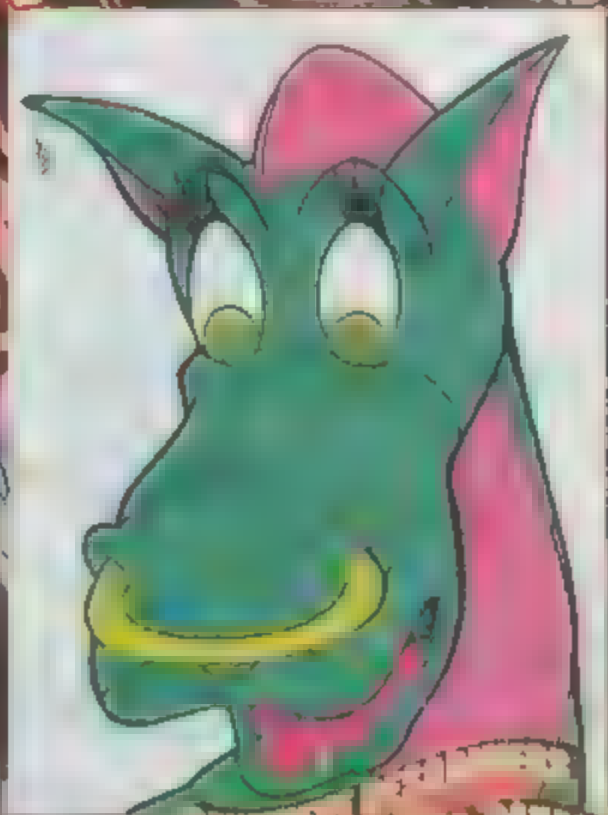
BUT WE GENERALLY SAW EYE-TO-EYE WHERE OUR POLITICS WERE CONCERNED!

HAVE YOU ANY IDEA OF THE EFFECT YOUR ANCESTOR HAS HAD ON OUR SOCIETY?

YOUR FATHER AND I HAD OUR DIFFERENCES WHERE YOU WERE CONCERNED--



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AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE HIGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED NEARBY, DIMITRI STANDS BEFORE AN ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE...

WHEN I FIRST PROPOSED RESTORING THE FLOATING ISLAND BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL SITE--

--MY PLAN WAS DENOUNCED FOR BEING TOO RADICAL AND DANGEROUS!

I SAY TO YOU NOW--

--RADICAL AND DANGEROUS DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO DESCRIBE THE SITUATION SHOULD ECHIDNA SOCIETY CONTINUE TO BE SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE--

WHAT SAY YOU, MITRE?

I TAKE IT YOU DON'T AGREE?

--BETWEEN THOSE WHO WOULD WELCOME THE NEW AND THOSE WHO STILL CLING TO THE OLD WAYS!

ON THE CONTRARY--

--OUR PEOPLE SHOULD BE UNITED, BUT ARE THEY CAPABLE OF ACCEPTING SO MUCH CHANGE SO QUICKLY?

LOOK AT YOU, DIMITRI--

--A MASS OF SINEW AND BLOOD MELDED TO WIRE AND METAL!

AURORA, HERSELF, DID NOT MEAN FOR ECHIDNA TO ARTIFICIALLY REPLACE WHAT NATURE PROVIDED!

AND IF ECHIDNAS WERE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO REASON AND THINK--



IT'S NOT LIKE THE MITRES* WERE COMPLETELY INNOCENT, MOM!

MAYBE NOT--

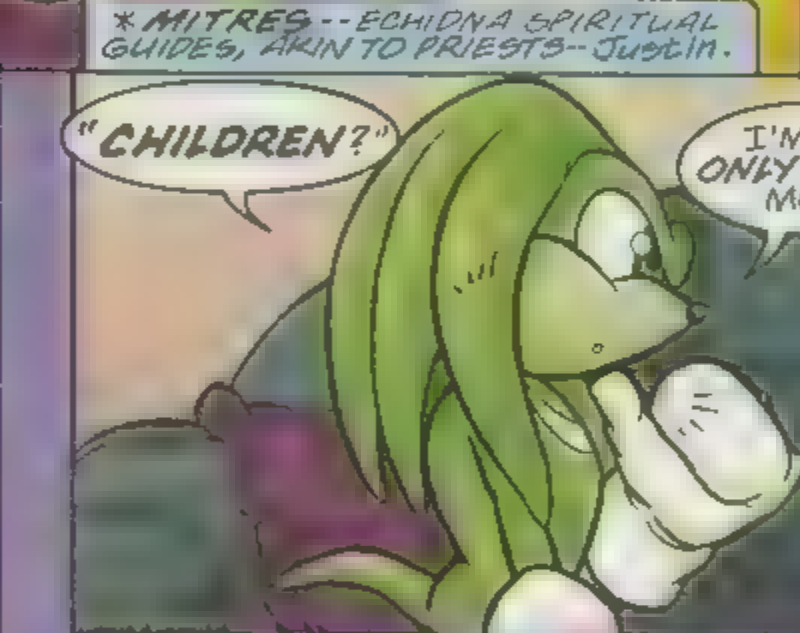
--BUT THEY DIDN'T ATTEMPT HOSTILE TAKE-OVERS LIKE YOUR ANCESTOR, EITHER!



SO, WHY NOT HEAR WHAT DIMITRI HAS TO SAY BEFORE GIVING HIM THE OLD HEAVE-HO?

BECAUSE HE REPRESENTS A DANGEROUS THREAT TO MY CHILDREN, THAT'S WHY!

*MITRES--ECHIDNA SPIRITUAL GUIDES, AKIN TO PRIESTS--JUST IN.



"CHILDREN?"

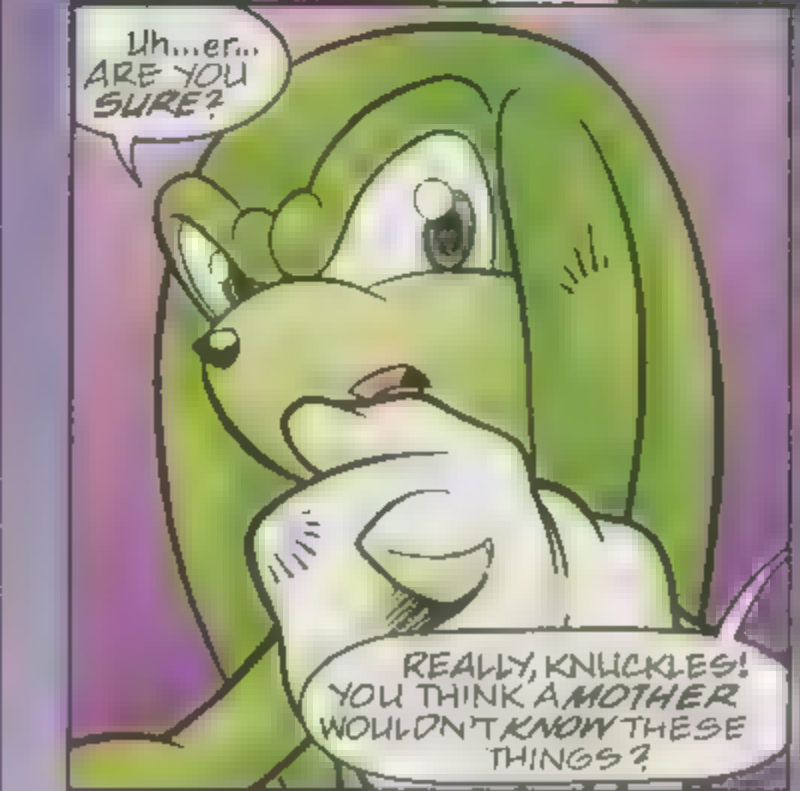
I'M AN ONLY CHILD, MOM!



I DIDN'T MISSPEAK, KNUCKLES!

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A SIBLING!

I'M PREGNANT!



Uh...er... ARE YOU SURE?

REALLY, KNUCKLES! YOU THINK A MOTHER WOULDN'T KNOW THESE THINGS?



GUESS I NEVER GAVE IT MUCH THOUGHT BEFORE!

MUCH LIKE OTHER MATTERS YOU APPARENTLY HAVEN'T CONSIDERED!

...OUR GOAL IS NOTHING LESS THAN TO BRIDGE THE GAP THAT SEPARATES THE **TECHNOCRACY** FROM THE **THEOCRACY**--

--SO THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN LIVE UNITED IN **PEACE!**

WHAT **ASSURANCES** DO WE HAVE OF YOUR **SINCERITY**, DIMITRI?

YOU AND YOURS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES SOUGHT TO **OVER-THROW** THIS GOVERNMENT BY **FORCE!**

NO BONES ABOUT IT, HIGH COUNCILOR--

--BUT IF I COULD SAY SOMETHING?

BUT, OF COURSE, **GUARDIAN!**

THE CHAIR **RECOGNIZES** THE ONE WHO HAS STOOD AGAINST THE **DARK LEGION** IN **DEFENSE** OF OUR CITIZENRY!

KNUCKLES...?

TRUST ME!

LOOK--

--YOU **KNOW** ME--

--YOU KNOW ABOUT MY **RUN-INS** WITH DIMITRI AND HIS **GOONS**--

--SO YOU GOTTA **KNOW**--

--IT'S NOT THE **EASIEST** THING FOR ME TO TELL YOU TO **TRUST** HIM--

--BUT THE **FIGHTING** WON'T **STOP**--

"... DOES IT NOT MEAN TO
UTILIZE THOSE GIFTS FOR
THE GREATER GOOD ? "

HE'S
BEEN IN THERE
LONGER THAN
EXPECTED--

IF DAD NEVER
FOUND A SOLUTION
TO THE PROBLEM,
WHAT HOPE DO
I--

WHOA!

HE'S
BACK!

NOW HE'S
TALKING TO
HER??!!

THE ONE
PERSON MOM
ABSOLUTELY
REFUSES
TO TALK
ABOUT!

-BUT WHO'S
TO SAY WHAT
EXACTLY
HAPPENED
WHEN ?

ALL I
KNOW ARE THE
ROUGH
DETAILS AND
EVEN THOSE ARE
SUSPECT !

AND HE'S HEADING
DOWNTOWN !

PROBABLY TO
POW-WOW WITH
D.MITRI AND THE
LORD HIGH
POOBABS!

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GO INSIDE--AS IF
THEY WERE GOOD
BUDDIES!

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HOLD
IT,
MISS!

WHERE DO YOU THINK
YOU'RE GOING?

I NEED
TO GET INTO
THAT ROOM,
SIR!

NOT WITHOUT
THE PROPER
CLEARANCE!

I'M
REALLY
SORRY--

--BUT
YOU'D NEVER
BELIEVE
MY I.D.,
ANYWAY!

YOU BETRAYED
US FOR THE LAST
TIME!!!

OH,
NO!

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CONSTABLE'S
FIRING--

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